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LAST MESSAGE

The reappearance of the Bulletin is a happy augury for the furtherance of the library movement in Bengal. I hope, this will enable the Association to reestablish closer contact with its members, the want of which was being keenly felt.

Unfortunately for myself, I could not fulfil my obligations to the Association as its President owing to serious illness which confined me to bed for last one year. It is for this reason I had to leave the presidential chair at the Conference held at Burdwan on 25th November last after the inaugural session. In this connection, I should like to express my hearty thanks to Maharajadhiraja Udaychand Mahatab Bahadur who graced the occasion with his presence to open the conference by agreeing to conduct the proceedings of the conference after I left. The lively interest taken by him along with those present on the occasion embolden me to hope for a better future of the movement in this province.

I hope my countrymen will be more and more library-minded and try their utmost to revitalise the libraries by converting them into busy centres pulsating with life for keeping aloft the torch of knowledge in every nook and corner of the province.

I fervently hope that the Association will be able to show a better record of its activities at the next A. I. Library conference to be held at Baroda in January next. A clear cut programme including publication of useful and healthy literature is essential for the future development and expansion of the Library movement in this country. May the giver of all that is good and great help us !

Munindra Deb Rai Mahasai

OURSELVES

The last issue of the Bulletin was published in 1940. We owe an apology to our members for non-appearance of the Bulletin during the last five years. Scarcity of paper, coupled with financial difficulties, stood in our way of bringing out the Bulletin. With the comparative ease in the paper position we have lost no time in arranging for its publication, and have much pleasure now in presenting it to our readers. One of the chief aims of our Association is to contact all the libraries in the province and be with them in weal and woe. The Bulletin is the principal medium through which we can keep in touch with these libraries. In the absence of the Bulletin therefore we have felt not a little difficulty in exchanging ideas with our constituents. The Bulletin has made its appearance again, filling the void caused by the suspension of its publication. Let us hope it will give fresh impetus to our activities and carry us further towards the attainment of our goal which is to see in Bengal an efficient and well-equipped library service not only in universities, colleges, schools and other academic, scientific and technical institutions, but also in municipal and rural areas run by public bodies for and in the interest of the reading public.

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It has been rightly said by an authority on the Library science that it is easily imagined, even by educated men who are uninformed, that any cultivated lover of books ought to make a good librarian. There are others who fail to draw any distinction between a librarian and an issuing clerk. But neither a mere lover of books nor an ordinary clerk is a

librarian in the real sense of the term. Librarianship is a science and in order to be a librarian one must acquire technical knowledge of the subject. Librarianship is now recognised a regular profession and amateurs without the requisite training cannot be usefully employed in modern libraries. Germany was the first country to give due recognition and importance to the librarian when a whole-time man was appointed as the librarian of a German University. Other European countries followed in the steps of Germany. In our country the Punjab and the native state of Baroda led the way in this matter. It was a foreign librarian who remodelled the Punjab University Library on modern lines and opened the library training class there. Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaekwad of Baroda also requisitioned the services of an American library expert to organise the library system in his state. Bengal's demand for trained librarians was voiced on more than one occasion in the old Bengal Council by Kumar Munindra Deb Rai Mahasaya, President of our Association.

Trained librarians are needed in India as there are not many libraries, schools and colleges in our country who can boast of having trained librarians on their staff. To meet this gradually increasing demand our Association opened the Summer School of training in Librarianship in 1937 and since then it has been run every year. In 1942 alone it could not be held for unavoidable reasons. Fortunately now two other parallel courses, besides ours, are being run in this city. One of these is held at the Imperial Library, and the other has been opened this year at the Calcutta University. As early as 1939 we had said : "There is a real need for a longer diploma course for one academic year and this can only be initiated and run by either the Government of Bengal or the University of Cal-

cutta, better by the latter. We hope that the University would take steps towards the early realisation of our proposal." We are glad that our proposal is now realised and we hope learners will take full advantage of the opportunity offered by the University.

The criticisms are levelled from certain quarters that the training imparted by our Association is too short to produce tangible result. We cannot give a better reply than point out that the candidates sent out by us have given a good account of themselves wherever they have found employment. And it is a pleasure for us to note that almost all those trained are well provided, doing full justice to themselves and the institutions they serve.

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It was quite in the fitness of things that the Bengal Library Association celebrated the 72nd Birthday of Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai on the 26th August last at his Kalighat residence, 21F, Rani Sankari Lane, Calcutta. Very handsome tributes were paid by several speakers on that date who spoke on the different aspects of Rai Mahasai's personality. Munindra Babu will be remembered chiefly for his activities in connection with the Library Movement in this country. As one of the pioneers of the movement he took up the cause of the libraries when very few here realised the importance of libraries in the National educational system. He spared no pains to make the public more and more library-conscious both inside and outside the legislature of which he was a very prominent figure during the years 1928-1936. He was often described in the old Bengal Legislative Council as one of the best "sharp-shooters." The enthusiasm, energy and persistence with which he espoused the cause of the libraries will earn for him a perma-

nent place in the cultural history of the country. He founded and organised the Bengal Library Association in order to co-ordinate the work of the different libraries and has ever since its foundation continued to be its President. It was mainly through his efforts that Librarianship has been recognised in Bengal as a distinct profession and provision for the training of librarians has been made by the Imperial Library, Calcutta, Bengal Library Association and the Calcutta University. Munindra Babu was selected as the only delegate to represent India at the Second International Congress of Libraries and Bibliography held in Spain in 1935.

At the ripe age of 64 which is generally accepted as the age of retirement from all public activities Rai Mahasai's enthusiasm for his cause was responsible for his second trip to Europe. He made a very great impression on that occasion and was the recipient of civic reception from almost all the principal cities of Great Britain and Ireland including that from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, etc. He had also been the state guest of Holland, Belgium, etc.

Rai Mahasai's efforts for making the people library-minded are bearing fruit only slowly. Library movement in this country is still in its infancy; educational authorities both official as well as non-official have yet to recognise libraries as one of the most important vehicles of mass education. Although the Sargent Scheme for education is expected to cost crores of rupees, libraries have found no place in it. It is up to the different Library Associations in this country to point out the inadequacy of the Sargent Report and to impress on the authorities responsible for giving practical effect to the scheme that without adequate provision for libraries mass education is doomed to be a failure. May Rai Mahasai

be spared sufficiently long to give us an inspiring lead in this direction !

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It may be of interest to our readers to learn that a select list of juvenile literature in Bengali compiled by the well-known author and literateur Mr. Jogendranath Gupta will come out soon. Jogen Babu was entrusted with the work as in our view nobody is more competent than him to undertake work of this kind. He is not only intimately familiar with the whole field of published literature on the subject but is also acquainted with the requirements of the young mind. Jogen Babu's list does not include text books recommended by the Director of Public Instruction, Calcutta University publications and Viswa-Bharati publications ; but their inclusion will only add to the size of the list without any compensatory advantage as our constituents do not need any guidance for selecting books from them. The value of such select lists for small libraries is inestimable. The funds at the disposal of small libraries are so meagre that they cannot afford to make any mistake. We have been publishing such lists from time to time in the Bulletin and more will be published as soon as circumstances warrent it.

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The venue and time for holding the next Conference of the Bengal Library Association has not yet been fixed up to the time of our going to the press. The promoter for this year's conference is the recently formed 24 Parganas District Library Association. Excepting Calcutta very few District Library Associations have been formed so far. Without the formation and co-operation of such organisations our efforts for organising Public Libraries in Bengal cannot be fully effective. We con-

gratulate the libraries of the 24 Parganas' District for their co-operation; the moving spirit behind this is the veteran editor of the Bharatbarsha Mr. Phanindranath Mukherjee.

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Obituary :—we learn with deep regret the death of Sreejukta Sarala Debi Chaudhurani at the age of 74. She was for several years closely associated with the Bengal Library Association and was one of the chief personalities in the Library Movement in Bengal during its infancy. Although lately she could not take as much active interest in our affairs as she used to do in the past, she was always ready to help us with sound advice on Library matters whenever sought.

A born devotee of music and literature, a scion of a talented family, the late Mrs. Sarala Devi Chaudhurani was identified with various social, literary and political activities in the Punjab and Bengal for more than half a century. Her death will be mourned by all sections of the public.

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The Roll of Honour from among the Librarians include the name of Squadron Leader J. D. Cowley, formerly Director of the School of Librarianship, University college, London and Goldsmith Librarian designate to the University of London who was killed in an air fight over Germany on the 20th August, 1944. The Bengal Library Association passed a resolution of condolence mourning his tragic and untimely death.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Bengal Library Association was held on the 25th March, 1945, in the University Library, Calcutta, at 3 P. M.

After confirmation of the proceedings of the last Annual General Meeting, Mr. Biswanath Banerjee, Hony. Secretary of the Association presented his Annual Report.

The Audited Account for the year ended 31st December, 1944, was placed before the meeting by the Hony. Treasurer, Mr. Subodhkumar Mukherjee and accepted with thanks to the Hony. Auditors, Messrs George Read & Co.

Resolutions were passed expressing regret at the absence of Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai and Mr. W. C. Wordsworth on account of illness and praying for their speedy recovery.

The new council was then elected with the following members :—

President—Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai,
Vice-President—J. M. Majumdar.
A. K. Chanda,
W. C. Wordsworth,
Anath Bandhu Dutta,
Pramil Chandra Bose,
Chairman of the Council—Dr. Niharranjan Ray,
General Secretary—Biswanath Banerjee,
Asst. Secretary—Binoykrishna Chatterjee,
Hony. Treasurer—Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah,
Hony. Librarian—Subodhkumar Mukherjee.

Members of the Council :—

Jitendranath Bhattacharjee,
Susilkumar Ghosh,
Subodhkumar Ray,
Sudhindranath Chakravorty,
Susilkumar Chatterjee,
Tincori Dutta,
Nirmalchandra Ghosh,
Manujendranath Ray,
Anilkumar Banerjee,
Bipradas Dutta,
Promode Banerjee,
J. Saha,
Bibhaschandra Raychaudhury,
Satyendranath Ghosh,
Dr. Panchanan Niyogi.

(From Districts) :—

Bankura—	Representative from	Bankura Public Library,
Barisal—	,,	Banaripara Pub. Lib.
Birbhum—	,,	Visva-Bharati, (Mr. Provat Kumar Mukherjee.)
Bogra—	,,	Simabari Public Library,
Burdwan—	,,	Jaragram Makhanlal Pathagar,
Calcutta—	,,	Association of Engineers,
Chittagong—	,,	Bucklandghat Municipal Free Pub. Lib.,
Dacca—	,,	Sabhar Public Library,
Darjeeling—	,,	Vivekananda Granthagar,
Dinajpur—	,,	Radhanagar Public Lib.,
Faridpur—	,,	Gopalganj Coronation Public Library

Hooghly—	,,	Bansberia Public Library,
Howrah—	,,	Bally Saraswati Pathagar,
Jalpaiguri—	,,	Raikutpara Our Lib.,
Jessore—	,,	Sadhuyana Pathagar, Bangaon,
Khulna—	,,	Dasani C. N. S. N & students' Union Public Library,
Malda—	,,	Malda B. R. Sen Public Lib.,
Midnapore—	,,	Subodhchandra Bose, Aliganj.,
Mymensingh—	,,	Banshgari Riazul Islam Pub. Library.
Nadia—	,,	Santipur Public Library,
Noakhali—	,,	Sandwip Chhatramangal Pustakagar,
Pabna—	,,	Demra Kasiswari Sadharan Pathagar.
Rajshahi—	,,	Bimanendra Sarkar,
Rangpur—		of Kaliganj Gopinath Library,
Sylhet—	,,	Kansaripara Path Niketan,
Tipperah—	,,	Sachar Jagannath Library.,
24 Parganas—	,,	Beleghata Pyari Mohan Library.

Members were then invited to put forward their suggestions for improving the activity of the Association. Mr. Prabhat kumar Mukherjee of Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, made several interesting proposals for consideration of the Executive Committee. The secretary of the Association promised to give practical effect to the suggestions as far as possible.

At the end the chairman Dr. Niharranjan Ray made a neat speech deploring general lack of interest for the Library Movement in the country and urged on the members of the Association to take more interest in the affairs of the Bengal Library Association.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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The following Executive Committee and other Standing Committees were formed at the council meeting held on 21st April 1945.

Executive Committee

President—Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai, Chairman—Dr. Niharranjan Ray, Secretary—Biswanath Banerjee, Treasurer—Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Librarian—Subodhkumar Mukherjee ; Susilkumar Ghosh, Tincori Dutta, Anath Bandhu Dutta, Pramilchandra Bose, Sudhindranath Chakraborty.

Library Training Committee

W. C. Wordsworth, Subodhkumar Mukherjee, Pramilchandra Bose, Pulinkrishna Chatterjee, Anath Bandhu Dutta, A. K. Chanda, Dr. N. Ray & the Secretary.

Book-Selection Committee

Dr. N. Ray, Pramilchandra Bose, Prof. Bibhaschandra Raychoudhury, Narendranath Mukherjee, Tincori Dutta, Parimal Acharya, Abhoy Sarkar.

Hospital Library Committee

Dr. N. Ray, W. C. Wordsworth, Sushilkumar Ghosh, N. M. Rahim, Benoykumar Chatterjee, Dr. D. N. Maitra, Dr. Nripath Nath Mukherjee.

Membership Committee

J. M. Majumdar, Bipradas Dutta, Sudhindranath Chakravorty, Dhirendrachandra Majumdar, Debaprosad Pramanik, Satyendranath Ghosh, Sudhiskumar Bose, Gopalchandra Sadhukhan, Subodhkumar Ray.

Propaganda & Publicity Committee

J. M. Majumdar, N. Shome, Susilkumar Ghosh, Tincori Dutta, Dwijeschandra Roy.

Library Survey Committee.

Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Pulinkrishna Chatterjee, Subodhkumar Mukherjee, P. C. Bose, Sudhansukumar Banerjee, D. N. Ray, & the Secretary.

Special Library Committee

Sarashilal Saraswati, J. Saha, Sudhindranath Chakravorty P. K. Chatterjee, Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, N. Rudra, A. M. Ray, J. M. Majumdar & the Secretary.

Technical Advisory Committee

Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, P. C. Bose, Dr. N. Ray, Subodhkumar Mukherjee, T. C. Dutta, Provathkumar Mukherjee.

Finance Committee

Pramilchandra Bose, Dr. N. Ray, A. B. Dutta & the Secretary.

The following resolution was also passed :—

Resolved that the authorities of the Imperial Library, Zoological Survey of India, Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta be requested to consider the question of bringing back their collections that have been transferred outside Calcutta or otherwise made now available for use by Research Scholars and workers on grounds of safe custody as their further absence is unwarranted by the recent trend of events and is causing unnecessary hardship to Research workers and Scholars.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1941, 1942 & 1943.

Under the new constitution and byelaws of the Bengal Library Association that came into force in 1941, annual meetings of the Association are to be held in March every year. But on account of the abnormal situation prevailing in 1941 & 1942 it was decided to postpone all meetings of the Association, council, executive committee etc. until the situation was somewhat brought back to the normal condition. The last Annual Meeting was, therefore, held on the 21st March, 1941 in which reports for the years 1939 and 1940 were presented and election of the Council and different Standing Committees and office bearers took place. As it was apprehended that an emergent situation might arise at any moment making it was considered unwise to hold an assemblage of persons, the duties and functions of the different committees were carried on by the then Secretary Dr. Niharranjan Ray who was entrusted with full responsibility for the work by the Association. Dr. Ray carried on his work with enthusiasm till the end of May this year when he was suddenly taken away under arrest and has since been under detention under Regulation III of 1818. The Executive Committee decided that under the circumstances

a fresh election of the Committees and office-bearers could no longer be postponed and fixed 18th September as the date of the Annual Meeting. In the vacancy caused by the detention of Dr. Niharranjan Ray, Mr. Biswanath Banerjee was requested to act as Secretary pending the election of fresh office-bearers. The reason for not holding Annual General Meeting for the last two years and calling of one at this time of the year has been fully explained and it is hoped that the members will accept the explanation as satisfactory. The present report covers not only the period 1941 and 1942 but also extends partially to the year 1943 till the arrest of Dr. Ray.

The most outstanding activity of the Association during the years under report has been the publication of the Bengal Library Directory containing valuable statistical information of about 1,300 public libraries, 73 College libraries and 2,016 school libraries of all grades and 79 special libraries. That the compilation and publication of the Directory were possible was due mainly to the untiring zeal and perseverance of the former Secretary Mr. Tincori Dutta and the former Asst. Secretary Mr. Pulinkrishna Chatterjee. A large volume of correspondence work had to be undertaken with the authorities of the various institutions and thanks of the Associatfon are due to amongst others, the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, Education officer of the Calcutta Corporation, Principals and Headmasters of Colleges and Schools and a host of persons taking special interest in library matters without whose valuable co-operation and support the Directory could not have seen the light of the day. It is hoped that the Directory will be more and more appreciated as an indispensable book of reference and from the sale proceeds alone it will be possible to meet the heavy financial liability of the undertaking.

Apart from this publication, office bearers of the Association continued to contribute professional articles of popular types to various newspapers and magazines. Mr. Pramilchandra Bose contributed a series of articles in the "Ananda Bazar Patrika" "Desh" and various other journals and also compiled 'Granthakarnama" an authors' table built on the model of Cutter's Table for books written in Bengali language. Granthakarnama has been published by the Bengal Library Association and is the fourth book of the series so far published by the Association. Mr. Biswanath Banerjee's articles on "Public Libraries in Bengal" "Charging System of Indian Universities' Libraries", "Literacy Movement in Indian Jails", "Short history of the Calcutta University library, appeared in Calcutta Review, Modern Librarian, Library Journal etc. One of the constituents of the Association, Ballygunj Institute brought out a periodical in Bengali entitled "Pathagar" which was later on accepted as the organ of the Association representing its official views. This was edited for sometime by the then Secretary of the Association Dr. Niharranjan Ray and was enriched with articles from Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai, Mr. Tincori Dutta, Mr. Jogendranath Gupta, Dr. Niharranjan Ray and others. The journal although largely financed by the Association had to suspend publication on account of shortage of paper which is also mainly responsible for our failure to bring out Bulletins of the Association. Bulletins used to appear annually. In 1941 a scheme was drafted for making it a quarterly publication provided the Calcutta University Press print it without charge. To this proposal the University authorities were favourably disposed but before any practical shape could be given effect to the project, paper control was established and the scheme had to be shelved.

It is unfortunate that the financial condition of the Association showed a marked deterioration during the period under review. The balance in hand of the Association on 31st December, 1942 was only Rs. 89-0-6 not enough to meet the then commitments. The main source of revenue of the Association was from the Library Training Class but in 1942 no class could be held and there was serious decline in the debit side in that year. The amount raised from the subscription also fell off to a considerable extent while on the expenditure side the cost of publication of the Directory had to be met. The financial position shows some improvement lately and it is reassuring to find the balance now available sufficient to meet all liabilities likely to be incurred during the present year. Every effort would be made by all well-wishers of the Association to strengthen the finances of the Association as much as possible and to build up a strong Reserve fund adequate for coping with all emergencies. The state of our finance during the period 1941 & 1942 will be evident from the Appendix. The wellknown firm of Messrs. George Read & Co., Chartered Accountants, very kindly acted as honorary auditors of the Association for these two years as also for previous years for which we record with gratitude our best thanks.

This year the Training Course was cut short by a month as no arrangement could be made for imparting lessons in general knowledge, English literary history and foreign languages. There is a steady flow of candidates from outside Bengal and the class continued to receive support from government offices and colleges. The training course was successfully terminated through the efforts of Messrs. P. C. Bose, S. C. Mukherjee, K. D. Banerjee and D. L. Banerjee although much inconvenience was felt due to the arrest and detention of Dr. Ray just after the

opening of the course. Everyone acquainted with the work of the Association knows how much it has to depend on the personality, enthusiasm and energy of Dr. Ray for carrying out the normal activities of the Association. We feel his absence keenly.

The strength of effective membership at the end of 1942 was 349 as against 487 in 1940, of these 9 are life, 216 institutional and 124 personal members. The decline in the total number is probably due to the present distress. As, next to the Library Training Class, membership subscription is the most important item from which finances are raised, we feel that serious attempt should be made to secure more members. This would mean not only increased finance for the Association but also wider publicity of the Association's aims and objects.

During the period under report there have been many changes in the personnel of the executive. The arrest and resignation of the Secretary Dr. Niharranjan Ray and the subsequent filling up of his post by Mr. Biswanath Banerjee is the most noteworthy change during the period. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Pramilchandra Bose, Joint General Secretary of the Association, could not yet be filled up. Mr. Bose acted for many years as the Asst. Secretary with conspicuous ability before he was elected to the post. Mr. Pulinkrishna Chatterjee, Asst. Secretary of the Association, had also to resign as he was transfesrred to Delhi. Mr. Jitendranath Bhattacharjee has been elected in his place.

A special General meeting of the Association was held at the Central Library on Saturday, the 18th September, 1943, for the purpose of giving away certificates to the successful candidates of the 6th Summer Course of Training in Librarianship. Mr. W. C. Wordsworth presided. At the

outset Kumar Manindradeb Rai Mohasai gave a short account of the work of the training course. In the course of his address Mr. Wordsworth stressed on the important part played by Libraries in spreading education in England.

I take this opportunity of expressing my grateful thanks to members of the office staff of the Association particularly Mr. Arunoday Banerjee who have done everything possible to lighten the burden that has fallen on me as Secretary of the Association.

Biswanath Banerjee,
Secretary.

Annual Report 1944.

The year 1944 saw the first annual general election in accordance with the provisions of the New Constitution. This was held in the Central Library Hall, Calcutta University, on 26th March, 1944 and was presided over by Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai. After the adoption of the annual report and the audited accounts, office bearers and members of the Council were elected for the year 1944 excepting that Dr. Niharranjan Ray on his release from jail became the chairman. The same set of office bearers and members of the Council as in 1933 was re-elected and the proceedings of the general meeting of the 18th September, 1943 were regularised.

The year opened with none-too-bright financial prospect for us. Considering the volume of work usually rendered by the

Association, the expected revenue was quite inadequate to meet even the existing liabilities. At the outset it was considered essential to rest on healthy balance between the debit and the credit sides and to clear off all outstanding liabilities on account of the publication of the Bengal Library Directory. Although this meant voluntary curtailment of some of our activities the steady deterioration of our finances which set in since 1941 has been definitely arrested. The closing balance at the end of 1944 stands at Rs. 544-7- as against Rs. 371-11-9 in 1943 and Rs. 89-0-6 in 1942. A vigorous campaign for the enrolement of new members has been launched. The response already received is very encouraging and leads us to expect that the financial position of the Association would be placed on a solid foundation ere long. Membership subscription is one of our main items of revenue but the amount realised through this source has been progressively declining for the last four years. In 1941 Rs. 492/- was raised as against Rs. 256/- in 1942 ; in 1943 this fell to Rs. 127/- But it again rose to Rs. 258/- in 1944. This is a healthy sign no doubt and we believe that the worst period of the crisis is over. Membership subscription together with the composition fee for the Library Training class may enable us this year to form the nucleus for the building of an adequate reserve fund for meeting all emergencies.

The state of our finances during the period under review will be evidenced from the Audit Report. The well known firm—Messrs. George Read and Co., Chartered Accountants, very kindly audited the Accounts of this Association for which we record our gratitude with best thanks.

One of the important activities of the Association is in connection with the Summer School of Librarianship. It is gratifying to note that the school continues

to receive support from various educational and library authorities of this country, both official as well as non-official. The increasing popularity of the school is responsible for bringing in a steady flow of candidates from outside Bengal. We regret very much that as the accommodation is strictly limited, some of the applications worth considering had to be refused. The school was opened on 1st May when Mr. W. C. Wordsworth kindly gave the inaugural address. Mr. Wordsworth has been taking lively interest in the affairs of the school ever since its foundation in 1936. The inspiration we receive from his wholehearted and sincere co-operation is in no small measure responsible for the success of our school.

We now feel that with the valuable experience we have gained during the last seven years, time has come for us to consider the proposal of the Indian Library Association for extending the course to four months instead of three months as at present and revising the syllabus in the light of our past experiences. We yield to none in our zeal to maintain reasonably high standard for professional training. We would welcome any suggestion from responsible quarters for increasing our efficiency and raising the quality of our training. But we may also point out here that our syllabus covers a much wider field than has been recommended for the certificate course by the Indian Library Association. Our courses of study includes general knowledge and languages and English Literary History. Our lecturers are all voluntary workers who receive no remuneration ; Services rendered to a good cause is our only recompense. Without the untiring zeal and enthusiasm of Dr. Niharranjan Ray (Calcutta University) Mr. L. P. Sukul (Calcutta University), Mr. Rabindranath Dasgupta (Calcutta University), Mr. Kalyan Ganguli (Asutosh Museum), Mr. H. N. Sen (Asutosh College),

Mr. B. Raychaudhury (Asutosh College), Mr. P. K. Chatterjee and Messrs. Pramilchandra Bose, Subodhchandra Mukherjee, and Benoykumar Chatterjee and Biswanath Banerjee (Calcutta University Library), we could not have brought this year's course to a successful conclusion. It is indeed a matter of congratulation that Bengal Library Association trained students wherever employed are giving a good account of themselves. We continue to receive favourable reports regarding their work from their employers.

On account of the somewhat improved position of the finances at the end of the year, it was decided to renew publication of the Annual Bulletins, the last number of which appeared in 1940. At the request of the Executive Committee Mr. Tincori Dutta has undertaken the responsibility for bringing out the Bulletin from Burdwan. It has also been arranged to bring out other new publication and materials for the publication of a commemoration volume in honour of Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasai have been collected from several eminent Librarians and Educationists including Rao Saheb S. R. Ranganathan and at least one issue of the series is expected to come out shortly.

Complaints are frequently being made that the members do not receive anything commensurate with the amount of subscription paid. This is in fact an old complaint heard even in 1941 when we were distributing not only the annual Bulletins free to the members but also the Bengali periodical *Pathagar*. The Association can not change condition, status and position of the Libraries of our province overnight merely by passing resolutions at Committee meetings and holding Conferences. One important outcome of the Association's work is that Librarianship as a profession is obtaining

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recognition in the hands of the educationists, Government and Municipal authorities, Calcutta University have decided to open a diploma course in Librarianship. How far this will contribute to the actual improvement of the school and college libraries remains yet to be seen but the Association's constant endeavour will be to make our people more and more library conscious. Something concrete has been done but much more remains to be done. We are quite conscious of our limitations. We therefore plead for a more sympathetic understanding of our difficulties and call for more active support from members of the Association as well as the public.

Biswanath Banerjee
Secretary.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st Dec. 1941

Receipts :

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as on 1st January, 1941 with Calcutta Univ. Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.				679	11	0
In hand				53	15	0
				733	10	0
,, Subscriptions ...	492	0	0			
,, Library Training Class	795	0	0			
,, Interest on S. B. Account	17	9	1			
,, Sale proceeds of Pubs.	42	1	3			
,, Miscellaneous receipts ...	23	0	0			
				1369	10	4
			Rs.	2103	4	4

Payments :	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Postage & Telegrams ...		...		160	13	6
,, Printing & Stationery ...		...		59	0	0
,, Publications ...		...		553	10	6
,, Library Training Class Expenses		...		197	0	6
,, Library Expense ...		...		92	4	6
,, Establishment ...		...		96	0	0
,, Meeting & Conferences ...		...		74	1	6
,, Subscription—Indian Library Association		...		30	0	0
,, Subsidy—Pathagar ...		...		60	0	0
,, Sundries				3	6	9
,, Cash and other balances as on 31st Dec. 1941 with Cal. Univ. Co-op. Soc. Ltd. ...	669	4	1			
With Nath Bank ...	95	11	3			
In hand	11	15	9			
				776	15	1
			Rs.	2103	4	4

Receipt and Payments Account for the year ended 31st Dec. 1942

Receipts :	Rs.	As	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as on 1st January, 1942. with Calcutta Univ. Co-operative Credit Soc. Ltd.	669	4	1			
With Nath Bank Ltd. ...	25	11	3			
In hand	11	15	9			
				776	15	1
,, Subscriptions ...	...		...	258	0	0
,, Library Training Class	...		...	15	0	0
,, Interest on Bank Account ...			...	23	6	8
,, Sale Proceeds of Directories & other publications ...			...	52	14	9
,, Miscellaneous Receipts ...			...	20	0	0
			Rs.	1145	4	6

Payments :	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Postage & Telegrams ...				43	0	0
,, Printing & Stationery ...		...		4	8	0
,, Publications		...		35	0	0
,, Directory		...		650	0	0
,, Library Training Class ...		...		12	2	0
,, Establishment		...		110	0	0
,, Subscription—Ind. Lib. Assn.				10	0	0
,, Subsidy—Pathagar ...		...		190	0	0
,, Sundries		...		1	10	0
,, Cash and other balance as on 31st Dec., 1942 with Cal. Univ. Co-op. Credit Soc. Ltd.	31	2	6			
,, With Nath Bank ...	57	1	3			
In hand	0	12	9			
				89	0	6
			Rs.	1145	4	6

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st Dec. 1943

Receipts :	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as on 1st January 1943, with Calcutta University Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.	31	2	6			
With Nath Bank ...	57	1	3			
In hand	0	12	9			
				89	0	6
,, Subscription	127	0	0			
,, Composition fee ...	570	0	0			
,, Sale Proceeds of Publications	170	13	0			
,, Interest	3	13	0			
				871	10	0
			Rs.	960	10	6

Payments :	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Postage & Telegrams ...	26	0	9			
,, Printing & Stationery ...	2	6	0			
,, Directory	268	0	0			
,, Establishment	100	0	0			
,, Sundries	22	0	0			
,, Subscription—Ind. Lib. Assn.	10	0	0			
,, Library Training Class ...	160	8	0			
				588	14	9
,, Cash and other balances as on 31st December, 1943. With Cal. Univ. Co-op. Credit Soc. Ltd.	262	12	6			
With Nath Bank ...	99	2	3			
In hand	9	13	0			
				371	11	9
				Rs. 960	10	6

Receipt & Payments Account for the year ended 31ss Dec , 1944.

Receipts :	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as on 1st January, 1944 With Calcutta University Co-operative Credit Soc. Ltd.	226	12	6			
With Nath Bank Ltd. ...	99	2	3			
In hand	9	13	0			
				371	11	9
,, Subscriptions ...	257	0	0			
,, Composition Fees ...	485	0	0			
,, Sale Proceeds of Directories and other pubications ...	22	10	0			
,, Conference	2	0	0			
,, Interest	8	6	4			
				775	0	4
				Rs. 1146	12	1

Payments :	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Postage & Telegrams ...	38	6	3			
,, Printing & Stationery ...	1	0	0			
,, Directory	225	0	0			
,, Establishment	150	0	0			
,, Sundries	50	9	9			
,, Subscriptions—Indian Library Association	10	0	0			
,, Training Class Expenses ...	127	4	6			
				602	4	6
,, Cash & Other balance as on 31st December, 1944 With Calcutta University Co-operative Society Ltd. ...	339	7	10			
With Nath Bank ...	150	13	3			
In hand	54	2	6			
				544	7	7
				Rs. 1146	12	1

Name of successful candidates from Librarianship Training Examintion.

Vth Summer Course of Training—1941.

1. Pankajkumar Ray, B. T. (teacher)—Chapra P. O. (Nadia).
2. Baidyanath Mukherjee, M. Sc. (Employee—Technical Research Laboratories, Tollygunge)—C/o Taraknath Mukherjee, Waterwells, Satkhira, Khulna.

3. Benoykumar Chatterjee, M. A., B. L. (C. U. Lib.) Ariadah (24 Pargs).
4. Kalyan Chaudhury, B. A.—P. O. Kishorgunj (Mymensingh).
5. Nirmalchandra Kundu, M. A. Deriapur, Sribati, (Burdwan).
6. Nandadulal Mukherjee, B. Sc.—71, Baje-Shibpur Road, Sibpur (Howrah).
7. Ranajit Raychoudhury, B. A.—Bagichagaon, Comilla.
8. Sudhansuranjan Ganguly,—Ichhapura (Dacca).
9. Apurbaratan Dutta, B. L.—88 Kalighat Road, Calcutta.
10. Manick Chaudhury, B. A.—43 Hindusthan Park, Calcutta.
11. Dineschandra Biswas, M, A.—Tarail, Vil. Shibpur, (Mymensingh).
12. Susilkumar Lahiri, B. A —Kaligaon (Malda),
13. Bimalhari Mukherjee,—Chaulkhola, Bowali (24 Pargs)
14. Manujendrakumar Ray, B. A. (C. U. Lib.)—75/A Asutosh Mukherjee Road, Calcutta.
15. Mrigendranath Karak,—B. N. Ray, Indian Institute, Shalimar.
16. Manindrakumar Ray, B. A.—Roy-House, Comilla.
17. Satyabrata Basu,—Taki (24 Prags).
18. Umasashi Debi, B. A.—Behala.
19. Kasinath Ray,—Agarpara, Kamarhati P. O. (24 Parags)
20. Swarna Basu,—Calcutta,

VIth Summer Course of Training—1943.

1. Debiprasad Chatterjee, B. A.—Shambazer (Hooghly).
2. Animeshchandra Basu,—'Bonanee' P. O. Jadavpur College (24 Pargs).
3. Sudhansubhusan Mukherjee, B. Com.—103 Sibpur Road, Howrah.
4. Narendranath Chakravorti, B. L.—Cooch-Behar.

5. Saileshkumar Dasgupta, B. A.—2B, Parasar Rd., Calcutta.
6. Sukumar Ghosh, B. Sc.—11B, Nalin Sarkar St., Calcutta.
7. Ramanimohan Ray, B. A.—9 Roy-Bagan St., Calcutta.
8. Susilkrishna Sen, M. A.—22 Benode Saha Lane, Calcutta.
9. Bholanath Bhattacharji, B. Sc.—Khagrabari, P. O. Cooch-Behar.
10. Biswajit Ray, M. A.—17B, Ekdalia Place, Calcutta.
11. Praphullachandra Pal, M. A.—95B, Beltala Road, Calcutta.
12. A. H. M. Zuburul Huq, M. A.—Lakhmipur, P. O. Krishnanagar (Tipperah).
13. Ramaprosad Ganguli, M. A.—23/1A, Raja Basanta Ray Rd. Calcutta.
14. A. Moid, B. A.—Arabic College Library, Delhi.
15. Umarani Raychoudhury, B. A.—Calcutta.
16. Santi Doss—C/o N. K. Doss, P. O. Barrackpore.

VIIth Summer Course of Training—1944.

1. Anilkumar Raychoudhury, M. A. (Prof. Bangabasi Col.)—24B, Noor Muhammad Lane, Calcutta.
2. Phanindranath Bhattacharjee, M. Sc.—Thakurdas Goswami Lane, Serampore (Hoogly)
3. Phanibhusan Ray, B. Com.—14A Maharaja Nandakumar Rd., Calcutta.
4. S. W. A. Jafferey, (C. U. Lib.)—Mahalper. P. O. Biharsharif (Patna).
5. Zahid All Farauqui, B. A.—Colvin Taluqdar's College, Lucknow.
6. Kalpana Mitra, M. A.—116 Vivekananda Road, Calcutta.
7. Baidyanath Banerjee—(C. U. Lib.) Sonabaria (Khulna).
8. Bani Bose, M. A.—Arya Dutta Para (Faridpur).

9. Ramdulal Lahiri, B. Sc.—18/1, Guruprasad Chaudhury Lane, Calcutta.
10. Santoshila Ghosh B. A. (Bengal Legislative Assembly Lib.) —2/1 Nilmani Mitra Row, Talla, Calcutta.
11. Gourangakumar Saha B. A. (Chaumuhani Col. Noakhali)—Deopara, P. O. Chandragunj (Noakhali)
12. Ajoykumar Sur, B. Sc.—Baghbazar, Chandernagore.
13. Gopalchandra Sadhu, B. A.—Bangaon (Jessore)
14. Madhavchandra Majumdar, B. A.—Raisina Bengali Higher Secondary School, New Delhi.

VIIth Summer Course Training—1945.

1. Kamakhyaprasad Banerjee, B. Sc.—126 New Burma Road, Tatanagar (Singhbhum)
2. Gopikanta Sreemany,—Makardah (Howrah).
3. Anilbhusan Mukherjee,—M. A. Metropolitan Institution Main—Calcutta.
4. Md. Yaqub, B. A.—Indian Statistical Inst. Lib., (Giridih)
5. Mukundalal Gharai,—(Kalighat Oriental Academy).

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Association Library at present occupies a part of the Calcutta University Library through the courtesy of the University authorities as we have up till now not been able to find a permanent 'Habitat' of our own. It contains about 143 books on library science besides some pamphlets and periodicals. As

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a technical library it is very useful to the students of the Librarianship training class although they as well as the lecturers have free access to the University Library collections.

The financial position of the Association in recent years did not allow us to provide the library with any regular book budget. Only a few additions could be made during the last three years all of them being received as gifts due to the generosity of some libraries and other organisations, foreign as well as Indian. To all such libraries and organisations our greatful thanks are due.

The Library is also open to members of the Association who have however made very limited use of their privilege. No deposit is asked for from them and it is very unfortunate that in one or two instances books which have been taken out on loan have not been returned inspite of several reminders. We earnestly hope that the defaulters will ere long return the volumes to the library, otherwise we may have to revise the rules for the issuing of books without deposit.

With the reorganisation of the Association and also with the change for the better in the internationel situation the library of the Association hopes to see better days, so as to be able to cater to the needs of all who are really interested in the Library Movement in the province.

Subodhkumar Mukherjee,
Hony. Librarian

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Shibpur Tarun Samsad—154 Shibpur Road, Howrah.
Established in 1915.

		Books issued	Members	Books Purchased
4	1937-38	2922	105	119/-
	1938-39	4978	125	157/-
	1939-40	8110	156	140/-
	1940-41	8334	200	160/-

Stock—English Books 447 Bengali Books 1563
Municipal grant Rs. 60/-

9. The library remains open every day in the week during 5 and 9 P. M. It also remains open on Sunday morning.

16. The library maintains a free reading room. Books, important monthly weekly and daily journals are available for reading during opening hours of the free reading room which are same as that of the opening hours of the library.

The library also maintains a children's section.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
THE BENGAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

1. The name of the Society is "The Bengal Library Association".

2- The registered office of the Association will be situated in Bengal ;

3. The object for which the Association is established are :

(a) To promote the Library Movement in Bengal ;

(b) To diffuse the knowledge of scientific method of, maintenance and organisation of libraries and to organise library talks, lectures, conferences and exhibitions ;

(c) To print and publish any newspaper, periodicals, pamphlets, books, and leaflets, charts, posters, statistics that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects ;

(d) To collect and maintain a library and museum of publications and materials pertaining to the library movement and library science ;

(e) To promote and encourage bibliographical study, and bibliographical information ;

(f) To work for the enactment of such legislation as would be conductive to the extention of library facilities, better utilisation and administration of libraries ;

(g) To organise and conduct or help other institutions and organisations for maintaining and conducting training classes for librarianship, library assistantship or any of its nature ;

(h) To work for the improvement of the status of Librarians ;

(i) To promote and to establish and support, and to aid in the establishment and support of other library organisations formed for all or any of the objects of this Association ;

(j) To work for co-ordination of libraries and systematisation of their methods ;

(k) To help libraries in securing grants from Government and other public bodies and to help them in all possible ways ;

(l) To conduct examination in librarianship or library assistantship and to confer or award certificates and diplomas :

(m) To serve as an information bureau in respect of library matters ;

(n) To raise donations and accept endowments for furtherance of library movement :

(o) To borrow and raise money in such manner as the Association may think fit and proper for the attainment of any of the objects of the Association ;

(p) To invest any money of the Association not immediately required for any of its objects, in such manner as may from time to time be determined :

(q) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal estate which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Association ;

(r) To conduct, maintain or alter any house, buidings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association ;

(s) To take any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Association ;

(t) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the objects.

4. The Governing body of the Association shall be the executive Committee to whom by the Rules and Regulations of the Association, the management of its affairs is entrusted. The names, addresses and occupations of the members constituting the Executive Committee are given hereunder :—

Mr. A, K. Chanda, M. A., I. E. S., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, (President), Nandan Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta.

Dr. Niharranjan Ray, M.A., D. Letts. & Phil., Dip. Lib., F.L.A. Bagisvari Professor of Indian Fine Arts, Calcutta University, (Chairman), 14A Dr. Sarat Banerjee Road, Kalighat, Calcutta.

Mr. Biswanath Banerjee, M. Sc., Dip. Lib., F.L A., Librarian, Calcutta University, (Secretary), 13, Sardar Sankar Road, Calcutta.

Dr. A. B. M. Habibulla, M. A., Ph. D., Dib. Lib., F.L.A., Lecturer, Calcutta University, (Treasurer), 11 Bondel Road, Ballygung, Calcutta.

Mr. Subodh Kumar Mukherjee, M. A., B. L., Assistant Librarian, Calcutta University, 30/1 Rajkissen Street, Uttarpara., Hooghly.

Mr. Sushilkumar Ghose, Service, Calcutta Corporation, 6, Banchharam Akrur Lane, Bowbazar, Calcutta.

Mr. Tincori Datta, Inspector of Works, E. I. Ry., Bally, Howrah.

Mr. Anathbandhu Datta, 26, Pitambar Ghatak Lane, Alipore, Calcutta.

Mr. Anathnath Basu, M. A., T. D. Professor-in-Charge, Teachers' Training Dept., Calcutta University, 6B, Hindusthan Road, Calcutta.

Mr. Pramilchandra Bose, B. A., Deputy Librarian, Calcutta University, 18, Rupchand Mukerjee Lane, Kalighat, Calcutta.

Mr. Sudhindranath Chakravorty, Indian Central Jute Committee & Technical Laboratories, Regent Park, Tollygunj, Calcutta.

We, the several persons, whose names and Addresses are subscribed hereto, are desirous of being formed into an Association in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

Names	Ocupations	Addresses
Sd. Pramilchandra Bose	Service	Deputy Librarian, Calcutta University.
,, Biswanath Banerjee	Librarian, Calcutta University.	13 Sardar Sankar Road, Ballygunj.
,, Subodh Mukherjee	Asst. Librarian ; Calcutta University.	30/1 Rajkissen Street, Uttarpara.
,, Nihar-ranjan Ray	Bagisvari Professor of Indian Fine Arts, Calcutta University.	14A, Dr. Sarat Banerjee Road, Rashbehari Avenue, Calcutta.
,, Anathnath Basu	Head of the Teachers' Training Department Calcutta University.	6B, Hindusthan Road Rashbehari Avenue, Calcutta.
,, Benoykumar Chatterjee	Service. Calcutta University	Ariadah P.O, 24 Parganas.
,, Jitendranath Bhattacharjee	Service Calcutta University.	24, Congress Exhibition Road, Park Circus, Calcutta.

Dated the 12. 6. 46.

Witnesses of the above signatures :—

Sd. Arunoday Banerjee	Service	Calcutta University Central Library.
,, Surath Kumar Pramanik	Service	Calcutta University Central Library.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
THE BENGAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1. The Association is established for the purposes set forth in the Memorandum of Association.

Interpretation

2. In the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations, except where excluded by the context :—

(a) Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural, and words importing the plural number only shall include the singular number.

(b) Words importing the masculine shall include the feminine.

(c) The word 'Association' means the Bengal Library Association.

Patron

3. Any distingushed person, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee may be elected as Patron of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership

4. The Association shall consist of the following classes of members, namely,

(a) Donors ;
(b) Life Members ;
(c) Institutional Members ; and
Ordinary Members.

Donors

5. Every person who may have given at a time Rs. 100/- to the fund of the Association shall be a donor.

6. Every Donor is a member of the Association for life and he will not be required to pay any more subscription during his life time.

7. Every person who may have given at a time Rs. 25/- to the fund of the Association shall be called a 'Life Member' and he will not be required to pay any more subscription during his life time.

8. Any Donor or Life Member may resign by notice in writing sent by post or delivered to the Secretary, and thereupon shall cease to be a member.

Institutional Member

9. Any institution such as library, reading room, library organisation, educational institution, book publishers' association, book trade organisation or institution of similar nature will be eligible for being a member of the Association on payment to its fund a sum of Rs. 2/- per annum.

10. Every institution which will become a member of the Association shall act through its duly authorised agent or representative whose name shall be communicated in a letter by the President or the Secretary or an equivalent office bearer of the institution concerned to the Secretary of the Association.

11. The representative or agent of an institutional member shall continue to act as such after the intimation of his appointment has been duly communicated until the name of another representative or agent appointed in his place is duly communicated to the Association on behalf of the institution concerned.

Ordinary Member

12. Every candidate for ordinary membership (other than aforesaid) shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member of the Association. Every such application for membership shall be made in writing signed by the candidate and by his proposer and seconder, and shall be in the following form :—

To

The Hony. Secretary,
The Bengal Library Association,
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

I desire to become a member of the Bengal Library Association and I hereby agree if elected to become a member of the said Association and to be bound by the Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of the Association.

PARTICULARS

1. Full Name ;
2. Address :
3. Profession or Ocupation ;
4. Age.

Yours faithfully,

Signature.

The above named candidate is pesonally known to us, and we believe him to be a suitable person to be elected a member of the said Association.

Proposer :

Seconder :

13. The entrance fee and annual subscription payable by members of the Association shall be such as the Association in

the General Meeting shall from time to time prescribe, provided that until the Association in General Meeting shall otherwise resolve, the Annual Subscription shall be as follows :—

Annual Subscription : Rs. 2/- per annum.

All annual subscriptions shall become due and payable in advance every year.

First Members

14. The first members of the Association shall be :

(a) The signatories of the Memorandum of Association :

(b) Every person or institution who was at the date of the incorporation of the Association, a member of the unincorporated Association.

Disqualified Member

15, In all proceedings of the Association, no person shall be entitled to vote or be counted as a member whose subscription at the time shall have been in arrears for a period exceeding three months.

General Meetings

16. The first Annual General Meeting of the Association after its incorporation shall be held at such time and at such place as the Executive Committee may determine.

17. Subsequent Annual General Meetings shall be held ordinarily in the month of March in every year, or so soon thereafter as possible at such place as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

18 The notice convening General Meetings of the Association shall be issued not less than 15 days prior to the date of such meetings and in the alternative, an advertisement giving two weeks' previous notice in two Calcutta daily papers shall

be sufficient notice of all General meetings including Special and Annual General Meetings of the Association.

19. The notice concerning the Annual General Meeting shall be accompanied by the following :—(a) Agenda, (b) Nomination Paper, if any, (c) Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts provided they are ready at the time of issue of the notice ; otherwise they may be submitted at the meeting.

20. Notices concerning all General Meetings or Special General Meetings of the Association shall be accompanied by the agenda of the meeting.

21. The Executive Committee may at any time and shall, on requisition signed by not less than ten per cent of the total membership of the Association stating the objects of such requisition, summon a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held not less than one month, and not later than six weeks after the receipt of such requisition. If they neglect to do so within 14 days after receipt of any such requisition, the requisitionists may summon such meeting. The notice convening the meeting shall specify the particular matter and matters to be discussed, and no resolution passed thereat shall be binding unless at least three-fifths of the members are present and take part in the vote, and a, business other than that specified in the requisition shall be transacted.

Quorum

22. At all General Meetings including Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings ten per cent of the total membership of the Association shall be the quorum.

Conduct of business at General Meeting

23. At any meeting at which the President shall not take chair the meeting shall appoint its own Chairman.

24. No member shall have more than one vote except that in any case of equality of votes on a division the Chairman of a meeting shall have a casting vote.

25. Members desirous of bringing up any motion or resolution for consideration in a General Meeting must submit the same to the Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the meeting.

25(a) With the consent of the three-fourths of the members present in the meeting motions and resolutions at a shorter notice may however be moved in a General Meeting.

25(b). In any Special General Meeting, however, no other business other than that for which the meeting has been called shall be transacted nor shall any other resolution or motion be allowed to be raised.

The Council.

26. The Council shall consist of the President, Chairman, the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, The Treasurer, the Librarian, fifteen representatives of the Donors, Life-members and ordinary members together with one representative of the Institutional Members from each district, all being elected for one year in the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

27. EXPLANATION :- The Municipal area of the town of Calcutta shall be considered as a district for the above purpose.

28. All vacancies caused by resignation or otherwise in the Council during a term shall be filled up by the Council for the remaining period of the term.

Powers and Proceedings of the Council :

29. The Council shall meet at least twice a year ; the first meeting of the Council shall be held as soon after the Annual General Meeting as possible for the purpose of electing the seven

members other than the ex-officio members of the Executive Committee for one year and formation of other Committees for one year and for transacting any other business that may be necessary. The Executive Committee on its own initiative may or at the requisition of at least ten members of the Council shall call meetings of the Council for the transaction of the business.

30. The Council shall have the power to remove from the register of members the name of any ordinary or institutional member in the interest of the Association on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

31. The Council shall exercise general supervision over the working of the Executive Committee.

32. The Council shall appoint Standing Committees with power to co-opt non-members for one year.

33. At any meeting of the Council, seven members shall be the quorum.

34. Notice Convening meetings of the Council shall be issued not less than one week prior to the date of such meeting and it shall contain the agenda of the meeting.

Executive Committee.

35. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Association for the time being as ex-officio members and seven other members of the Council to be elected by the Council at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

36. The first Executive Committee after the incorporation of the Association shall consist of the persons named in the Memorandum of Association, who shall retain office until the next Annual General Meeting.

37. Any vacancy caused by resignation or otherwise in the Executive Committee during a term shall be filled up by the Council for the remaining period of the term.

38. All members of the Executive Committee shall remain for one year or until their successors are appointed.

39. If at any Special General Meeting summoned on the requisition of the members, a resolution disapproving of any act on the part of the Executive Committee shall be passed by the majority of two-thirds of members present and voting on the question, the members of the Executive Committee shall immediately cease to hold office, and new members shall be elected in their places at the same meeting, but the old members or any of them, shall be eligible for re-election.

Power & Proceedings of the Executive Committee.

40. Subject to the powers of the members, the Association and the property and affairs thereof shall be under the control and management of the Executive Committee.

41. In addition to all powers hereby expressly conferred upon them, and without detracting from the generality of their powers under the last preceeding paragraph, the Committee shall exercise any of the following powers, namely,

(a) To expend the funds of the Association in such manner as they shall consider most benificial for the purposes of the Association and to direct the sale or transposition of any such investment, and to expend the proceeds of any such sale for the purposes of the Association.

(b) To acquire in the name of the Association, build upon, pull down, re-build, add to, alter etc., or otherwise deal with any land, building for the use of the Association ;

(c) To enter into contracts on behalf of the Association;

(d) To borrow money upon the security of any of the property of the Association and to grant or direct to be granted mortgages for securing the same;

(e) To cause the common seal of the Association to be affixed to any document they may think proper, and to provide for the custody of the common seal;

(f) To delegate all or any of their powers to a sub-committee or sub-committees;

(g) To make, and from time to time to repeal or alter, rules as to the management of the Association and the affairs thereof and as to the duties af any officers or servants of the Association, and to the conduct of business by the Executive Committee or any sub-committee provided that the same shall not be inconsistent with Memorandum or Rules and Regulations of the Association;

(h) And generally to do all things necessary or expedient for the due conduct of the affairs of the Association not herein otherwise provided for.

42 The Executive Committee may meet for the despatch of business adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings as they may think fit and four members of the committee shall be the quorum. Three members of the Committee may at any time, and the Secretary shall, upon the request in writing from three members of the Committee, summon a meeting of the Committee. Notice of any meeting of the Committee accompained by the agenda thereof shall be sent by post or delivered personally to each member of the Committee at least three days before such meeting, unless urgent circumstances require shorter notice.

43. The Minutes of every meeting of the Committee shall

be read at the next meeting thereof, and shall be confirmed, either with or without amendment.

44. The bankers shall be appointed and may be changed by the Committee and cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer or by the Secretary.

Officers :

45. There shall be a President of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year and shall hold office until his successor is appointed. The President shall take the Chair at the General Meetings, and also at the meetings of the Council.

46. There shall be five Vice-Presidents who shall also be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year and shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

47. There shall be a Chairman elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year and shall hold office until his successor is appointed. He shall perside over the meetings of the Executive Committee and in the absence of the President he shall also preside over General Meetings and the meeting of the Council.

The Secretaries :

48. There shall be one Secretary, one Joint Secretary and one Assistant Secretary of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year and shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

49. In addition to all duties herein contained, the Secretary with the assistance and co-operation of the Joint Secretary and the Assistant Secretary shall perform such functions as shall be assigned to him by the Executive Committee. The Secretary

shall also perform the following function, namely, he shall convene all meetings, keep minutes of the meetings of the General Committee, the Council and the Executive Committee; take action on the resolutions passed in the meetings of the General Committee, the Council and the Executive Committee; report the result thereof to the respective Council and Committee; deal with correspondence under the direction of the Executive Committee; keep a register of members and all office records; shall be responsible for the smooth and efficient administration of the Association; may under the direction of the Executive Committee institute law suits or take legal steps on behalf of the Association; he also shall under the direction of the Executive Committee call conference, keep the proceedings thereof and take action on the resolutions passed in the Conference as far as possible.

The Treasurer

50. There shall be a Treasurer of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year and shall hold office until his successor is appointed.

51. The funds of the Association shall be under the direct charge of the Treasurer in accordance with the direction given to him from time to time by the Executive Committee.

52. The Treasurer shall pay all bills after they have been passed for payment by proper authority and secure receipts and maintain proper account of all receipts and disbursements.

53. The Secratary shall be competent to incur expenditure not exceeding Rs. 25/-. without obtaining previous sanction of the Committee, but such expenditure shall be duly reported to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Librarian

54. The Librarian shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. He shall be in charge of the Library and the Museum of the Association and shall work under the guidance of the Library Committee if any, otherwise under the guidance of the Executive Committee.

Auditor

55. There shall be an auditor or auditors to be appointed annually by the Council, who shall examine and certify the annual accounts of the Association to be presented at and considered by the Annual General Meeting.

Accounts

56. The Secretary in consultation with the Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the income and expenditure as well as of assets and liabilities of the Association, and shall submit a periodical statement of accounts to the Executive Committee and also shall submit to each Annual Meeting a Report on the working of the Association and audited financial statement and balance sheet for the year ending on the previous 31st of December.

57. The Auditor or Auditors shall yearly audit all accounts of the Association and shall with the assistance of the Executive Committee prepare and lay before the Committee during or before the last week in the month of January in every year, or so soon thereafter as may be possible but before the Annual Meeting, an Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Association upto the last day of December immediately preceeding, for submission to the Annual Meeting.

58. At the audit or examination of yearly accounts, the Committee shall cause to be laid before the auditor or auditors a written account of the receipts and payments for the year preceeding together with an account of all property, fund and money belonging to the Association and furnish him from time to time with such information and documents relating there as may be required by him or them.

The Budget

59. The Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Budget and submit the same to the Executive Committee not later than the 15th December of the year previous to the year to which the budget refers. After the budget has been considered by the Executive Committee it shall be placed before the next meeting of the Council.

60. A budget once passed by the Council may be modified or revised if and when necessary by the Council.

Election

61. The form of Nomination Paper, if any, shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Non-compliance with the instructions given on the Nomination Paper shall invalidate the Nomination Paper. The decision shall rest with the Executive Committee.

62. The election of office-bearers and of members of the Council shall be by show of hands or by ballot and in case of election by ballot two scrutineers shall be appointed from amongst the members present by the Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman of the meeting shall determine the manner in which election shall take place.

63. The Scrutineers shall proceed to count the votes and shall communicate the result to the Chairman of the meeting who shall announce it forthwith.

Notice

64. A Notice may be served upon any member, either personally or by sending it through the post in a pre-paid letter, addressed to such member, at his registered address for service, if any.

65. If a member has not a registered address for Service, any notice shall be sufficiently served on him by posting up in the office of the Association such notice addressed generally to the members.

66. The non-delivery of any notice of a meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings at such meeting.

Year

67. The year of the Association means the calendar year (1st January to 31st December).

Alteration, Extension or Abridgement of the objects

68. If it appears to the Executive Committee of the Association that it is advisable to alter, extend or abridge any particular object or objects, or to amalgamate the Association with any other Society or Association, the Executive Committee may submit the proposition to the members of the Society in a written or printed report and may convene a special meeting for consideration thereof according to the Regulations of the Association ; but no such proposition shall be carried

into effect unless such report shall have been delivered or sent by post to every member of the Association ten days previous to the special meeting convened for the consideration thereof nor unless such proposition shall have been agreed to by the votes of three-fifths of the members delivered in person or by proxy, and confirmed by three-fifths of the members present in the Second Special Meeting convened by the Executive Committee at an interval of one month after the former meeting.

Dissolution of the Association

69. Three-fifths of the members of the Association may determine by a resolution that the Association shall be dissolved, and thereupon it shall be dissolved forthwith or at the time then agreed upon, and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of the property of the Association, its claims and liabilities as the Executive Committee shall find expedient provided that the Association shall not be dissolved unless three-fifths of the members shall have expressed a wish for such dissolution by their votes delivered in persons or by proxy, at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.

Bye-laws and Changes in Rules & Regulations

70. Bye-laws or Rules and Regulations of the Association may be made or altered and/or amended at a General Meeting of the members convened for the purpose but for the passing or altering or amending any bye-law or Rules and Regulations the current votes of three-fifths of the members present at such meeting shall be necessary.

Certificate:

We, the members of the Executive Committee, hereby do certify that the copy of Rules and Regulations of the Bengal Library Association as hereinbefore set out is a correct copy.

1. Sd. Pramil Chandra Bose.
2. Sd. Biswanath Benerjee.
3. Sd. Subodh Mukherjee.
4. Sd. Nihar Ranjan Roy.
5. Sd. Anath Nath Basu.

Members of the
Executive Committee.

Dated 12. 6. 46

Bengal Library Association

$\frac{13934}{445}$ No. 1

Memorandum of Association
with certified copy of the Rules.

Filed This 12th June, 1946.

Sd./-K. C Dutta
Asst. Registrar of Joint Stock
Companies, Bengal.

Copied by
S. N. Mukherjee
16. 6. 46.

Compared by
B. Mallick
26. 6. 49

Certificate Of Registration of Societies

Act. XXI of 1860

No. $\frac{13934}{445}$ of 1946-1947

I hereby certify that "The Bengal Library Association" has this day been registered under the Societies' Registration Act. XXI of 1860.

Given under my hand at Calcutta this Twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fortysix.

Sd/-illegible
Asstt. Registrar of Joint
Stock Companies, Bengal.

MADHAB MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Receipts & Payments Account for the year ending 31st March, 1945.

Subscriptions Rs. 1,106-4-0, (By adjustment) Rs. 68-12 0, Donations Rs. 274-0-0, Deposit Rs. 212-0-0, Municipal Grant Rs. 400-0-0, Rent Rs. 300-0-0, Old Newspaper sales Rs. 59-9-0, Sales of slips Rs. 37-10-9, Missing Book Account Rs, 35-0-0, (By adjustment), Rs. 14-8-0. Interest Rs. 30-0-6, Special Donation Rs. 5-0-0, Total Rs. 2,542-12-3, By refund of Deposits Rs. 54-0-0, By refund of Deposits (By adjustment) Rs. 83-4-0, Books purchased Rs. 693-9-6, Stationery Rs. 47-0-3, Electricity Rs. 19-2-0, Establishment Rs. 516-0-0, Periodicals Rs. 185-8-0, General Charges Rs. 24-0-3, Purchase of News paper Rs. 183-13-0, Book Binding Charges Rs. 120-1-0, Printing Charges Rs. 58-0-0, Slip Account Rs 51-14-6, Radio Repairing Rs. 7-4-0, Furniture Rs. 4-4-0, Refund of Missing Book a/c Rs. 4-4-0, Condolence Meeting Rs. 9-7-0, Auditors - fees Rs. 35-0-0, Total Rs. 2,086-7-6. Closing Balance. Rs. 5,269-11-9.

Rammala Granthagar, Comilla.

(Shifted to Brahmanbaria, Tippera)

1. Present stock of library books during 1944—10,607 vols. 2. Present stock of Periodicals—35. 3. Present stock of Manuscripts—7,022. 4. Number af readers during 1944—213. 5. Number of books issued (shown yearly)—1940—4816 ; 1941—8366 ; 1942—4931 ; 1943—5004 ; 1944—6371. 6. Book budget : There is no fixed budget. The founder supplies funds according to necessity. Amounts spent in purchasing Books and

subscribing to Journals etc. during years under review are recorded below :—1940—Rs. 2,441-6-6, 1941—Rs. 3,969-1-0, 1942—Rs. 204-13-9, 1943—nil. 1944—Rs. 210-10-6. 6. Source of Receipt—Founder's donations.

Jubilie Muslim Institute, Darjeeling.

(Eastablished—2nd June, 1935)

Rate of Subscription—Annas eight (minimum). Admission—Re. 1 Deposit—Rs. 2. Stock of books under different heads :—English Novels—210, English Literature—190, English history and Biography—55, Bengali Novels—300, Bengali Literature—200, Bengali History and Biography—106, Urdu Novels—60, Urdu Literature—50. Opening hours—5 p. m. to 9 p. m. Income—Subscription—Rs. 350 average (yearly). Donation—Rs. 400 average (yearly). Grant from Govt. is occasional. A grant of Rs. 100 was last received in 1943. Municipal—Rs. 360 per year. Dt. Organiser of Physical Education Rs. 30 received this year (1944-45). Grant from Gymkhana Club, Darjeeling, Rs. 60 (yearly). Housed in a rented building. Expenditure—Purchase of books—Rs. 100, Periodicals—Rs. 200. Establishment—Rs. 108. House Rent—Rs. 400. Miscellaneous—Rs. 200. Issue of books annually—3900 in nos. The committee consists of 13 members ; Mr. Y. S. Ahmad, M. A. (Cantab), I. F. S., and Mr. Abul Hasem Khan being President and Secretary respectively.

Himachal Hindi Bhawan, Darjeeling.

(Established 11th June, 1931)

(Affiliated to the Bengal Library Association, Calcutta.)

The Himachal Hindi Bhawan Pustakalaya, Darjeeling, has its own building. The property is vested in a duly formed registered Board of Trustees. The Total number of members

on 31st. March, 1945 was 161 out of which 5 were female members. Admission Fee—Re. 1-0-0, Monthly Subscription—As. 0-4-0, Deposit—Rs. 4-0-0, Life member—Rs 51-0-0. Total No. of Books. Rs, 2,349. Catalogue—in Manuscript. Classification-Subject. Opening hours—7 p. m. to 8-30 p.m. Income—General Fund 1944-45: Subscription Rs. 557-8-0, Donation Rs. 217-3-0, Municipal Grant Rs. 320-0-0, Miscellaneous Rs. 355-12-5, Total. Rs. 1,450-7-5. Reserve fund—1944-45. Admission Fees Rs 26-0-0, Deposit Rs 192-0-0, Publication Rs. 250-0-0, Miscellaneous Rs. 129-6-0, Total Rs. 597-6-0. Expenditure: General Fund 1944-45. House rent Rs. 51-11-0, Light Charges Rs. 20-0-6, Pay of Staff Rs. 128-0-0, Purchase of Books Rs. 448-13-9, Postage Rs. 15-15-6 Furniture Rs. 42-0-0, Magazines Rs. 119-11-0, Anniversary Rs. 86-4-6, Miscellaneous Rs. 438-3-6, Total Rs. 1,363-11-9. Closing Balance for 1944-45. Rs. 11209-7-1, Refund of Deposit money Rs. 6-0-0. Closing Balance for 1944-45, Rs. 1 025-15-0, Total Rs. 1,031-15-0. Issue of books 1523 (Annual). Free Reading Rooms—It subscribes to 18 magazines and newspapers distributed as follows:—(a) Hindi 13. (b) English 4. (c) Sanskrit 1. Hindi Sahitaya Parishad:—It organises literary discourses in Hindi from time to time. The Bhawan has been able to publish two small books in Hindi.

Hemchandra Smriti Pathagar.

Rajbalhat (Hooghly).

No. of Books:—In 1347 B. S.—3200. In 1351 B. S.—3800. No. of Subscribers:—In 1347 B. S.—102. In 1351 B. S.—192. Income:—Rs. 268/-, Rs. 364/11/9, Rs. 276/3/6, Rs. 365/15/9, Rs. 565/3/3. Expenditure:—Rs. 225/13/9, Rs.316/1/3,

Rs. 270/-/3, Rs. 263/14/6, Rs. 365/14/6 in 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, and 1351, B.S. respectively.

The executive commitee consisting of 11 members has been re-constituted twice within the five years.

Anandabazar Patrika & Basumati Patrika are taken daily and a large number of readers are assembled in the Free Reading Room attached to it.

The Bharatvarsa, Probasi, Basumati, Sisu-Sathi, Prabartak & Pranab are monthlies subscribed by the Library.

People of the neighbouring villages are in close touch with it and the authorities are always alert on the spread of education among them. There is a Night-School and a Patha-Chakra (পাঠ-চক্র) attached to it. A miniature Museum named Amulya Pratnashala has been established in 1348 B. S. by the Library in the hallowed name of Late Pandit Amulya Charan Vidyabhusan. There are a good many collection of old manuscripts, coins, old and rare books, bronze and stone images, and different kinds of things of archæological interest. It is creating a great archæological taste among the people of the locality. The library has a building of its own and a new building is proposed to be constructed soon.

The library is kept open twice a day from 7-30 A.M. to 10-30 A. M. in the morning and from 4 P.M. to evening in the afternoon.

Vivekananda Granthagar (Libarary)

Ramakrishna Vedanta Ashrama, Darjeeling Established—1941.

Members :—Adult's Section—108. Children's Section—200. Stock of Books :—4345. Subscription —Adults' -/4/- ; Children's -/2/- Hours :—5 to 7 P. M., except Wednesday ;

Children's Two days a week. Income :—Subscription & Donation Rs. 645/- Municipal Grant Rs. 300/- (Annual). Expenditure on Books —Rs. 328/15/9. Issue of Books during the year :—3500. (1944). The Library is affiliated with the Bengal Library Association. President—Swami Sadrupananda. Librarian—Dr. Prokash Chaitanya.

GOVT. OF BENGAL—HOME DEPT.

Press Notifications.

No. 498 Pr.—26th April 1944.—Whereas in the opinion of the Governor the book in English entitled "War Against The People" written by Kalyani Bhattacharjee, printed by P. C. Sarkar, at Diana Printing works, Ltd., Calcutta, and published by J. N. Bhatnagar from People's Book Club 7/2-K, Zamir Lane, Ballygunj, Calcutta, contains prejudicial reports of the nature discribed is sub-rule (7) of rule 34 of the Defence of India Rules read with clauses (e) and (g) of sub-rule (6) of that rule.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by clauses (d) and (e) of sub-rule (1) of rule 40 of the said rules, the Governor, hereby, prohibits the further publication, sale or distribution of the said document and declares to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found, of the said book and all other documents containing copies, reprints and translation of, or extracts from the said book.

No. 279 Pr.—27th April 1945.—In exercise of the power conferred by section 99A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), the Governor is pleased to rescind notification No. 10720P., dated the 22nd October 1924, declaring forfeited to His Majesty all copies of a book in Bengali entitled "Visher Vanshi" printed at the Bani Press, 33A, Madan Mitter Lane, Calcutta, and published by the author Kazi Nazrul Islam, Hoogly.

No. 282Pr.—27th April 1945.—In exercise of the power conferred by section 99A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), the Governor is pleased to make the following amendment in notification No. 14087P., dated the 17th September 1930, declaring forfeited to His Majesty all copies of book in Bengali entitled "Pralaya Sikha" by Kazi Nazrul Islam printed at the Mahamaya press at 193, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta, and published from 50/2A, Musjid Bari Street, Calcutta, namely ;—

Amendment.

To the said notification add the following proviso, namely ;—

"Provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to any other edition of the book if such edition does not contain the following poems entitled—

1. Nabab Bharater Holdighat, 2. Jatin Das, and 3. Jagaran.

No. 410Pr.—25th June 1945.—In exercise of the power conferred by section 99A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), the Governor is pleased to declare to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found of the book entitled "Scented Garden" by Dr. Bernhard Stern, translated into English by David Berger and published from

the Ethnological Press, New York, United States of America, on the ground that the said book contains matter which is deliberately and maliciously intended to outrage the religious feelings of a class of His Majesty's subjects by insulting the religious beliefs of that class, the publication of which matter is punishable under section 295A of the Indian Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860).

HOOGHLY DISTRICT BOARD.

Statement showing the distribution of the Library grant from District Board fund.

Name of Sub-Division.		Name of Library.	Grant Sanctioned. 1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Sadar	1.	Sreepur Benevolent Association. P. O. Sreepur Bazar. ...	Rs. 18	Rs. 18	Rs. 20	Rs. 20	Rs. 20
,,	2.	Jirat Ashutosh Smrity Mandir, P. O. Balagarh. ...	,, 12	,, 14	,, 20	,, 20	,, 20
,,	3.	Chandra Saraswati Library P. O. Sreepur Bazar. ...	,, 18	,, 18	,, 17	,, 18	,, 18
,,	4.	Dumurdaha Radharaman club, Nayasarai.	,, 15	,, 14	,, 13	,, 15	,, 15
,,	5.	Debanandapur Sarat Chandra Palli Pathagar, P.O. Debananda pur. ...	,, 18	,, 18	,, 20	,, 20	,, 20
,,	6.	Ayda Jaladhar Pathagar, P. O. Gupti para ...	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10
,,	7.	Somra Bandhab Sammilani, P, O. Somrah.	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10
,,	8.	Sija Muktakeshi Library, P. O. Khamargachi. ...	,, 10	,, 12	,, 12	,, 12	,, 12

,,	9. Digsui Sadhana Sahitya Kutir, P. O. Digsui.	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8
,,	10. Guptipara Sisir Banimandir Pathagar. P. O. Guptipara.	,, 8	,, 9	,, 12	,, 12	,, 12
,,	11. Balagarh Public Library, P. O Balagarh.	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8
,,	12. Panchgora Santosh Memorial Library, P. O. Panchgora. ...	,, 12	,, 12	,, 15	,, 16	,, 16
,,	13. Pandua Jubilee Library, P. O. Pandua.	,, 10	,, 8	,, 8	,, 11	,, 11
,,	14. Mondlai Public Library, P. O. Mondlai. ...	,, 10	,, 8	,, 8	nil	nil
,,	15. Itachona Sabitri Library, P. O. Itachona.	,, 16	,, 16	,, 20	,, 22	,, 22
,,	16. Dasghora Association, P. O. Dasghora. ...	,, 25	,, 23	,, 22	nil	nil
,,	17. Bhanderhati Tilak Pathagar.	,, 12	,, 12	,, 15	,, 15	,, 15
,,	18. Bhoppur Niranjan Library, P. O. Banchi. ...	,, 8	,, 8	,, 10	,, 12	,, 12
,,	19. Gazinadaspur Friends, Club, P. O. Gazinadaspur. ...	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8
,,	20. Kumrul Village Library, P. O. Kumrul. ...	,, 8	,, 8	,, 10	nil	nil
,,	21. Harat Public Library, P. O. Puinan. ...	nil	,, 8	nil	nil	nil

Name of Sub-Division.		Name of Library.	Grant Sanctioned 1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Serampur	1.	Singur Sadharan Pathagar. P. O. Singur	Rs. 10	Rs. 10	Rs. 12	Rs. 12	Rs. 12
,,	2.	Gopalnagar Saraswati Pathagar P. O. Gopalnagore.	,, 16	,, 16	,, 14	nil	nil
,,	3.	Bora Binapani Library P. O.Bora.	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	nill	nil
,,	4.	Haripal Kailas Library, P. O. Haripal.	,, 20	,, 19	,, 20	,, 20	,, 20
,,	5.	Bandipur Palli Pathagar, P. O. Bandipur.	,, 10	,, 19	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10
,,	6.	Jangipara Krishnanagar Public Library, P. O. Jangipara.	,, 15	,, 14	,, 14	,, 15	,, 15
,,	7.	Begumpur Union Board Library, P. O. Begumpur,	,, 9	,, 9	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10
,,	8.	Janai Public Library, P. O. Janai.	,, 15	,, 15	,, 15	,, 15	,, 15
,,	9.	Rasidpur Union Library, P. O. Guti.	,, 20	,, 18	,, 18	,, 18	,, 18
,,	10.	Garalgacha Public Library, P. O. Chanditola.	,, 20	,, 20	,, 19	,, 20	,, 20
,,	11.	Begumpur Club, P.O. Begumpur.	,, 10	,, 9	,, 9	,, 10	,, 10
,,	12.	Baratejpur Public Library, P. O. Begumpur.	,, 15	,, 15	,, 11	nil	nil

,,	13. Rajbalhat Public Library, P. O. Rajbalhat.	,, 30	,, 28	,, 20	,, 20	,, 20
,,	14. Barijhati Public Library, P. O. Chanditola.	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10	,, 10
,,	15. Aniya Public Library, P, O. Dakshindihi.	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	nil	nil
,,	16. Guti Sadharan Pustakagar, P. O. Guti.	,, 10	,, 8	,, 8	nil	nil
,,	17. Furfura Youngmen's Public Library, P. O. Dakshindihi.	,, 12	,, 12	,, 11	,, 15	,, 15
,,	18. Seakhala Uttar Banani Library, P. O. Seakhala.	,, 8	,, 7	,, 7	nil	nil

Name of Sub-Division.	Name of Library.	Grant Sanctioned for 1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Arambagh	1. Paharpur Rambramha Palli Pathagar, P. O. Mayapur.	Rs. 8	Rs. 8	Rs. 8	Rs. 8	Rs. 8
,,	2. Goghat Vivekananda Public Library, P. O. Goghat..	,, 10	,, 10	,, 9	,, 9	,, 9
,,	3. Ramkrishna Palli Mangal Samity Library, P. O. Tirol.	,, 14	,, 14	,, 12	,, 12	,, 12
,,	4. Kamarpukur Ramkrishna Public Library, P.O. Kamarpukur.	,, 8	,, 8	nil	nil	nil
,,	5. Bhangamora Ananda Library, P. O. Bhangamora.	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8	,, 8

Name of Sub-Division.	Name of Library.	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Arambagh						
"	6. Radhanagar P. K. Sarbadhikary Library; P. O. Nangulpara.	" 25	" 17	" 17	" 17	" 17
"	7. Khanakul B. B. Sing Public Library, P. O. Khanakul.	" 12	" 10	" 10	" 15	" 15
"	8. Krishnanagar Ramprosad Library, P. O. Hangulpara.	" 10	" 10	" 12	" 12	" 12
"	9. Rajhati Bandhab Library, P. O. Rajhati Bandar,	" 10	" 9	" 9	" 9	" 9
"	10. Kulbatpur Ramkrishna Brati Pathagar, P. O. Ghargohal.	" 8	" 8	" 8	" 8	" 8
"	11. Raghubati Union Library, P. O Raghubati.	nil	" 10	nil	nil	nil

STATISTICS FOR BANSBARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
1940-45

year	No. of Adult Members.	No. of Books. Purchased.	Presented	Receipt.	outside circulation Fiction	Non-Fiction.	Juvenile	Periodicals.	No. of Readers. Adults.	Juvenile	*Juvenile Section members (Books are issued free of Subscription)
1940	83	98	22		5661	1561	1085		4925	3119	50
1941	95	102	80		6088	890	999		5358	2712	110
1942	98	137	137		5758	1010	1105		4990	2237	182
43	138	123	88	13	8560	1288	1355	385	6910	3615	192
44	155	148	88	14	8215	1052	1754	533	8167	4075	198

* Previously the section was called "Children Section" and subsequently it reorganised and was named thereafter "Kolshorak" or the Juvenile Section, he year 1943.

Receipts Rs. A. P.	Expenditure Rs. A. P.	Remarks.
686—9—9	674—11—6	The activities of the library is very much crippled on account of the requisitioning of the major part of the library building for Area Rationing office and location of A. R. P. Head quarters leaving only the stack room for Library use.
632—14—0	682—13—0	
898—14—6	698—2—3	
1426—01—1	103—35—0	
1032—15—9	1061—14—0	

The excess amounts of expenditure for the years were met up from the budget of the following years.

OURSELVES

We, the members of the Bengal Library Association, in a special meeting, place on record our profound sorrow at the death of our revered President, Kumar Munindradeb Rai Mahasaya. For more than half a century he was intimately associated with the Library Movement in this country. In paying our sorrowful tribute of respect to the friend, colleague and leader whom we have lost and in placing on record our profound admiration for the services rendered to the cause of the Library Movement we express the hope that the memory of his devoted labours may inspire those of us who remain and those who follow us to imitate his noble example in the cause that was nearest to his heart.